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The world is facing a COVID crisis that has heightened death awareness and reminded us that death does not discriminate. More important than ever the pandemic has reinforced the need to have end of life care discussions and prepare advance directives for healthcare providers and loved ones to use as guidance of the care desired by the dying individual's last wish, a dignified death. A few studies have examined older adult advance directives preparation and death. The aim of this study is to investigate cross cultural Medical Aid In Dying (MAID) attitudes in older adults 65+ post (COVID) death awareness and examine advance directive preparation through, One Wish: A Dignified Death, a resource guide on MAID for euthanasia and physician assisted death end of life choices. The older adult participants will be selected from Colombia, Colorado, and Illinois. The One Wish: a Dignified Death guide and a death anxiety scale will be made available through mail/email in English or Spanish after the participants complete a demographic background phone interview with the researcher. Ultimately, the data from this survey should address cultural differences that provide shared death anxiety management. This cross cultural study between Colombia, South America, Colorado, and Illinois will examine knowledge and attitudes towards MAID, advance directive preparation behaviors and how they are related to cultural backgrounds. Specifically, this study will focus on identifying and examining cultural and/or gender differences in advance directive planning behaviors, end of life care choice preferences, degree of awareness of MAID and attitudes toward MAID options. Examining gender differences cross culturally can be instrumental in developing assistance for older adults as well as for younger age groups who reflect higher death anxiety, increasing end of life care planning and at the end receiving the one wish, a dignified death.